

The PRESIDENT (translated from French):

... My second point relates to the progress recorded in the chemical weapons negotiations. The extraordinary Paris consensus undoubtedly gave political impetus to our work; yet it should be recognized that this impetus did not lead to all the effects we had hoped for. Nevertheless, a movement has begun and it must be sustained by continuously renewed back-up. We are convinced that the negotiations which will continue during the inter-sessional period will bring us still closer to the long-awaited aim, the burgeoning of the convention on chemical weapons.

(The President)

These, then, were the few closing comments I wished to share with you. I have no other matters to discuss before the closure of this annual session of the Conference on Disarmament. Before I close the session, I would like to remind you that the next plenary meeting of the Conference will be held on Tuesday, 6 February 1990, at 10 a.m. As agreed by the Conference when adopting the report of the Ad hoc Committee on Chemical Weapons contained in document CD/952, in accordance with paragraph 14 (c), the Ad hoc Committee will hold a session of limited duration between 16 January and 1 February 1990. I would also like to remind you that open-ended consultations of the Ad hoc Committee will be conducted between 28 November and 14 December this year.

